

12 MAY 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Information, DDA

FROM : [REDACTED] Chief, Information and Privacy Staff

25X1A

SUBJECT : Proposed FOI/PA Symposium

1. In response to your suggestion concerning an FOI/PA Symposium we have made the following determinations:

a. There is space available at [REDACTED] on 6, 7 and 8 September, both for billets and for the various meetings, provided our total of participants and guest speakers does not exceed 50. (Our last symposium, two years ago, comprised 47.)

25X1A

b. There are several possible topics for an agenda, over and above our own immediate problems:

The new Executive Order, scheduled to replace 11652 in December. Although this does not affect FOI/PA directly, there are enough changes involved to make a thorough understanding - and early warning - desirable.

Results of the present study by [REDACTED] of FOI/PA within the Agency. This promises to be the most complete and objective study yet undertaken. The results, and some of the implications, should be of interest to everyone.

25X1A

Mechanization. FOI/PA and our declassification program have spawned several computer programs. These are already beginning to overlap. Discussion of their benefits, shortcomings, and possible future developments should be of general interest.

*Paul is going to give
us a full-on on
where we stand on
this later this week
Amie*

2. There has been considerable turnover in FOI/PA personnel since the last symposium. One of the principal benefits to be expected of this one will be the chance for personal contacts and discussions between persons who would otherwise have no occasion to meet.

3. We must accept the fact that FOI/PA is going to be with us for a long time, and that its load will probably increase. (In 1976 our request rate was 13.5 per day; in 1977, 18.6; in 1978, thus far, 19.4) Political realities make it unlikely that we can expect relief from Congress. This might be an appropriate time and place for a look at Agency policy for the long run.

4. I have asked [REDACTED] to chair a group responsible for arrangements. This group will include [REDACTED] who is also an OTR careerist, [REDACTED] per your suggestion, and [REDACTED] We will await further instructions.

25X1A

25X1A

25X1A

Distribution:
~~Orig.~~ - Addee

☐ UNCLASSIFIED ☐ INTERNAL ONLY ☐ CONFIDENTIAL ☐ SECRET

Approved For Release 2000/05/16 : CIA-RDP81-00261R000300020027-2

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Proposed FOI/PA Symposium

FROM:

EXTENSION

NO.

Chief, Information and Privacy Staff

7486

DATE

12 May 1978

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

1.

AI/DDA

7D02 Hqs. (BX-4)

(BX-4)

12 MAY 1978

[Signature]

1-4

2.

EO/DDA

15 MAY 1978

[Signature]

3.

A/DDA

15 MAY 1978

[Signature]

4.

DDA

15 MAY 1978

[Signature]

5.

6.

A/DDA

[Signature]

7.

8.

C/IPS

9.

10.

11.

12.

13.

14.

15.

[Signature]
15 MAY 1978

It is two years since the highly-successful FOI/PA Symposium, and Gene and I have been discussing the desirability of holding another such session. The attached describes some of the subjects we might profitably cover. We'd probably need to plan on a two-day meeting. May I have approval in principle to develop a formal plan, agenda, and list of possible participants for final approval in July?

[Signature]
Make sense!

[Signature]
Fine idea - go!

25X1A

15 MAY 1978